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Identical letters dated 28 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you with regard to deeply concerning information that has come to light about ongoing attempts by Hizbullah to carry out terror attacks on Israeli territory.

Israel has recently submitted multiple indictments against individuals from Ghajar village who were involved in plans to carry out deadly terror attacks in Israel. Over the course of the investigations, the suspects revealed that these terrorist plots were initiated, funded and carried out under direct instructions from the internationally designated terrorist organization Hizbullah, a proxy of Iran.

Information gleaned from the investigation exposed Hizbullah's modus operandi: Hizbullah recruited criminals from Ghajar village who were involved in drug trafficking and communicated with these operatives via unidentified Wi-Fi networks and computers with encryption software. Hizbullah handlers directly organized the terror infrastructure by giving their operatives meticulous instructions regarding preparations to carry out terror attacks.

The investigation uncovered the fact that such attacks were in advanced stages of preparation. Hizbullah handlers smuggled two powerful explosive devices from Lebanon into Israeli territory across the technical fence, after conducting surveillance of Israel Defense Forces stationed along the Blue Line.

After the operatives from Ghajar received the explosive devices, they were instructed to plant them in the city of Haifa, or, failing that option, to place them in a crowded bus stop where many Israel Defense Forces soldiers gather. If it had not been for the vigilance of Israeli security forces, which foiled the terror network, many lives would have been lost.

This information is particularly alarming in light of Hizbullah's development of a terrorist infrastructure in the West Bank and Gaza, which was detailed in my previous letter dated 16 August 2016. It paints a disturbing picture of how Hizbullah, with the support of Iran, relentlessly attempts to carry out terror attacks in Israeli territory, against Israeli targets. Hizbullah's dangerous activities have the potential to set the whole region ablaze.

Hizbullah's actions in Ghajar village are part and parcel of their continuing activities which endanger stability in the Middle East. It is clear that in addition to

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assisting the Assad regime to besiege and starve the Syrian population and their ongoing involvement in the civil war in Yemen, Hizbullah has not ceased its active aggression against Israel.

Once again, Hizbullah has demonstrated its involvement in criminal activity as a means to facilitate its terrorist activity. If in the past we have witnessed the fact that this organization funds its activity through illicit drug trafficking, this time Hizbullah employed a network of drug traffickers to collect information and carry out attacks.

Hizbullah continues to grossly violate Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) by conducting illicit military activities south of the Litani River. This case again demonstrates Hizbullah's real intention to attack Israel by any means possible, whether it is by planting explosive devices in Israeli cities or by firing rockets from southern Lebanon towards Israeli territory.

The international community must condemn the ongoing efforts of Hizbullah to attack Israeli citizens, to increase the violent wave of terror and to endanger the entire region.

I call on the Security Council to condemn Hizbullah's destabilizing activities and to make it clear that they will be held accountable for any and all involvement in terrorist activity.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Danny **Danon**
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